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UNC-KPA hold talks at Panmunjom

Seoul, Republic of South Korea -- Representatives of the Korean People's Army Panmunjom Mission and the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission held a Colonel-level meeting in Panmunjom today at 10:00 a.m.

During the one-hour-and forty-minute meeting, United Nations Command reminded the KPA of the UN Security Council's July 9, 2010 presidential statement, which reads, "The Security Council calls for full adherence to the Korean Armistice Agreement and encourages the settlement of outstanding issues on the Korean peninsula by peaceful means."

Seeking to comply with the UNSC president's intent, UNC Military Armistice Commission proposed to convene a Joint Assessment Group to assess the armistice violations that led to the sinking of the ROK ship Cheonan. This JAG would be convened and governed by the rules laid out in the Armistice Agreement.

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The meeting adjourned with both sides agreeing to develop specific proposals based on the procedures of the armistice. The UNC closed the meeting by notifying the KPA of the upcoming Combined Forces Command exercise, Ulchi Freedom Guardian, as a confidence building measure.

The two sides have tentatively agreed to another Colonel-level meeting on July 29, 2010.

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